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LETTER
FROM THE
SECRETARY AT WAR,
ACCOMPANYING A
REPORT
AND
SUNDRY STATEMENTS,
SUPPLEMENTARY TO HIS REPORT

RECEIVED THE 16TH INSTANT,

In Pursuance of two Resolutions of this House
of the 28th of March last.

23d April, 1798.

Referred to the Committee of the whole House, to whom is committed the Bill making Appropriations for the Military Establishment for the Year one Thousand seven Hundred and ninety-eight, and for other Purposes.

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THE

REPORT

OF

THE

COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

LAND OFFICE

IN

RESPONSE TO A

RESOLUTION

PASSED BY THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS

IN 1841

AND

THE

REPORT

OF THE

War Department,
18th April, 1798.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit
to the House of Representatives, a Report, supple-
mentary to the Report submitted on the 13th
instant.

And am,

SIR,

With great Respect,

Your obedient, humble Servant,

JAMES M'HENRY.

The SPEAKER of the
House of Representatives.
of the United States.

THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA
1898

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I HAVE the honor to

acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

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REPORT.

War Department, 18th April, 1798.

THE Secretary for the Department of War, has the honor to report the annexed statements, supplementary to his report of the 13th instant, and in pursuance of a resolution of the House of Representatives of the United States, bearing date the 28th of March, 1798, requiring “ An estimate in detail
“ of the probable application of the sum to be ap-
“ propriated for the Quarter-Master Department
“ for the present year.”

No. 1. A letter from the Quarter-Master-General, dated Pittsburgh, the 9th of April instant.

No. 2. An estimate by the Quarter-Master, for expenditures on the North-Western frontier, Ohio and Mississippi, amounting to 207,200 dollars, exclusive of 28,000 dollars, for the pay and subsistence of the crews of four galleys, destined to the protection of our posts, and navigation in the rivers Ohio and Mississippi. It is doubtful, whether the state of things will admit of the major part of the crews for these galleys being drawn from the line of the army, or require that men should be expressly engaged for the service. It will be expedient therefore to cover their pay and subsistence by an adequate appropriation.

In a letter dated the 9th instant, Brigadier-General Wilkinson observes, “ I have examined and ap-

“ proved the estimate of the Quarter-Master-General; the amount is considerable, yet it will be found in the result, barely sufficient to embrace the several subjects it comprehends.”

No. 3. A detailed view of the articles wanted for the troops and garrisons on the frontiers of Georgia, transportation of these and Indian annuities included, amounting to 29,400 dollars.

No. 4. A detailed view of the articles wanted for the troops and garrisons on the frontiers of the State of Tennessee, transportation of these and Indian annuities included, amounting to 29,400 dollars.

No. 5. An estimate of the cost of transportation of ordnance, military and Quarter-Master stores, medicines, clothing, &c. from Philadelphia or the different magazines, to Pittsburgh and ports on the sea-board; and of arms, &c. made or repaired, from the places where made or repaired, to this city, or other places of deposit.

The first charge in the estimate No. 5, is for the transportation, from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, of ordnance and articles called for by the commanding General, to put in a proper state of defence, the posts on the North Western frontier, Ohio and Mississippi; the transportation of these from Pittsburgh to their places of destination, not being included in the estimate No. 2.

The second charge embraces the usual transportation of clothing and supplies for the army and posts, and the annuities and presents for the Indians, from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh.

The third charge, the transportation of supplies from Philadelphia to the posts and garrisons on the sea-coast, and several recruiting places of rendezvous.

The fourth, the transportation of arms, clothing, &c. from the places where fabricated to the stores

and magazines provided for them, the whole amounting to 63,762 dollars.

These several estimates exhibit the probable application of the monies, which will be required for the Quarter-Master Department for the present year, amounting to 357,762 dollars.

It is proper to observe respecting these estimates, that although there has been as much detail attempted, and attention bestowed in forming them, as could be given to the subject, they may nevertheless, from unavoidable omissions, and being predicated on a pacific state of things, and the present establishment only, fall short of representing the actual expenditures for which a provision may be necessary.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES M'HENRY.

No. I.

Pittsburgh, 9th April, 1798.

SIR,

Inclosed I have the honour to transmit the estimate required by you. It has been formed under the direction of General Wilkinson, and approved of by him.

I have left a blank for the sum to be filled for the pay and subsistence of the crew of the galleys, by the direction of General Wilkinson, that it may be inserted by you. General Wilkinson alledges, that it will require sixty men to work each galley; if these are to be paid by the Quarter-Master Department, it will require a large sum. The least wages that can be expected to be given to men engaged expressly for this service, would be from ten to twelve dollars per month, At this rate the pay for two hundred and forty men for a year, would be 28,800 dollars; but should fewer be employed, and part of them troops, it would still lessen the sum, which is to be regulated by you.

Am, SIR,

With great respect,
Your most obedient servant,

JNO. WILKINS, Jun.
Quarter-Master-General.

The Honorable

JAMES M'HENRY,
Secretary at War.

No. II.

An Estimate of the probable Expenditures in
the Quarter-Master Department for the Year
1798.

Deputy, Assistants and Clerks in the Quarter-		
Master Department	.	4,500
Boatmen	.	12,000
Packhorsemen	.	5,000
Waggoners	.	7,000
Labourers	.	3,000
Armourers	.	6,000
Artificers	.	14,000
Pay and Subsistence of the Captain and	}	4,000
Crew of the Sloop Detroit		
Occasional Repairs for the Sloop Detroit		1,000
Schooner building at Detroit		6,000
Packet Boat building at ditto		2,000
Pay and Subsistence for the Captain and	}	2,500
Crew of the new Schooner for six		
months,		
Pay and Subsistence for the Captain	}	1,200
and Crew of the Packet Boat for six		
months		
Four Galleys building at Pittsburgh		16,000
Pay and Subsistence for the Crews of Four	}	
Galleys, 60 men each, 240 men, at		
dollars per month		
Picketing in Ship Yard, erecting Wharf,	}	6,000
repairing of Barracks, &c. at Pitts-		
burgh		
Carried forward		Dollars 90,200

Amount brought forward	90,200
Hire of expreffes	6,000
Bar Iron and Nail Rods	4,000
Stationary	2,000
Kentucky Boats	1,000
Keel Boats	1,500
Fuel	8,000
Forage	20,000
Occasional Purchase of Oxen and Draft Horfes	3,000
Horfes for Exprefs Service	2,000
Occasional Purchase of Pack Horfes	6,500
Hire of private Boats on Freight	5,000
Bags, Lash Rope, Pack Saddles, &c.	600
Occasional Purchase of Carpenters' Tools, Smiths' Tools, &c.	400
Retained Subfiftence	1,500
Saddles, Bridles, Geers, &c.	1,000
Tents, Camp Kettles, Intrenching Tools, &c.	6,000
Repairs to the Fortifications and Barracks at Michillimackinac	5,000
Ditto ditto at Detroit	6,500
Erecting of new Barracks at Presq' Isle	3,000
To ftrengthen and repair the Fortifications at Chickafaw Bluffs and Walnt Hills	12,000
For erecting a Fort near the Western National Boundary, including bar- racks, magazines, cafemates, &c.	20,000
Erecting new Barracks at Wayne	2,000
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Dollars	207,200

Pittsburgh, 9th April, 1798.

JNO. WILKINS, Jun.
Quarter-Master-General.

No. III.

Estimate of Articles wanted for the Troops and Garrisons on the Frontiers of Georgia, usually supplied through the Quarter-Master Department; calculated for the supply of a Regiment, and one Company of Cavalry, for the year 1798.

	Dolls. Cts.
Fuel	2,000 00
Forage	5,000 00
Purchase of Horses and Hire for Express Service	1,000 00
Occasional Purchase of Tools for Carpenters, Smith, &c.	200 00
Saddles, Bridles, Geers, &c.	200 00
Tents, Camp Kettles, and Intrenching Tools	1,000 00
Erection of new Barracks and Fortifications, and Repairs of the old ones	5,000 00
Stationary	500 00
Bar Iron, Nails and Nail Rods	1,000 00
Purchase or Hire of occasional Transportation at the Post	3,000 00
Transportation of the Clothing, Medicines, Military Ordnance and Quarter-Master Stores, from this city and other posts (suppose 20 loads)	7,500 00
Ditto, for Indian Annuities and occasional Presents	3,000 00

Dollars 29,400 00

Note. No charge is made for the payment of Artificers, Labourers, &c. This must be considered as a contingent depending on circumstances.

SAMUEL HODGDON,

For the Quarter-Master-General.

Philadelphia,
17th April, 1798.

No. IV.

Estimate of Articles wanted for the Troops and Garrisons on the Frontiers of Tennessee, usually supplied through the Quarter-Master Department; calculated for the supply of a Regiment of Infantry, and one Company of Cavalry, for the year 1798.

	<i>Dolls. Cts.</i>
Fuel	2,000 00
Forage	5,000 00
Purchase of Horses and Hire for Express Service	1,000 00
Occasional Purchase of Tools for Carpenters, Smiths, &c.	
Saddles, Bridles, Geers, &c.	200 00
Tents, Camp Kettles, and Entrenching Tools	1,000 00
Erection of new Barracks and Fortifications, and Repairs to the old ones	
Stationary	500 00
Bar Iron, Nails and Nail Rods	1,000 00
Purchase or Hire of occasional Transportation at the Post	3,000 00
Transportation of the Clothing, Medicines, Military, Ordnance and Quarter-Master Stores, from this city and other posts (suppose 20 loads)	
Ditto, for Indian Annuities and occasional Presents	3,000 00

Dollars 29,400 00

Note. No charge is made for the payment of Artificers, Labourers, &c. This must be considered as a contingent depending on circumstances.

SAMUEL HODGDON,

For the Quarter-Master-General.

Philadelphia,
17th April, 1798.

Estimate for the Transportation of Ordnance, Military and Quarter-Master Stores, Medicines, Clothing, &c. sent from Philadelphia, or the different Magazines from Philadelphia, to the Posts on the Sea Board; and the smaller Transportation of Arms, &c. made or repaired, to this City, or other Places of Deposit.

	<i>Dolls. Cts.</i>
1. For the Transportation to Pittsburgh of the Ordnance and Stores called for by the return lately received from the commanding General	34,994 00
2. For the ordinary Transportation of Supplies for the Army and Posts, including the Annuities to the Indians, from this city to Pittsburgh	
3. For the Transportation of the Supplies necessary for the Posts on the Sea Board, and to the several recruiting Rendezvous	10,000 00
4. For the Transportation of Arms, Clothing, &c. from the places where they are fabricated to the stores and magazines provided for them	
	3,000 00

Dollars 63,762 00

SAMUEL HODGDON,
For the Quarter-Master-General.

Philadelphia, 18th April, 1798.

